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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2008, in the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for reply expired on October 8, 2008. Accordingly, a petition to extend the period an additional three (3) months is being submitted herewith.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are rejected. Claims 25-27 are allowed. Claims 14-24 are withdrawn from consideration.

Reconsideration of the claim rejections and allowance of claims 1-13 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.